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Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Prospective Grant of Exclusive Patent Licenses

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice is issued in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(c)(1) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(I). The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) is contemplating the granting of an exclusive license in the United States to practice the invention embodied in U.S. Patent Number 4,806,264, titled "Method of Selectively Removing Selenium Ions From an Aqueous Solution". The exclusive license is to be granted to Rust Environmental & Infrastructure Inc., having a place of business in Salt Lake City, Utah. The patent rights in this invention has been assigned to the United States of America.

The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. While the primary purpose of this notice is to announce Reclamation's intent to grant an exclusive license to practice the patent listed above, it also serves to publish the availability of this patent for licensing in accordance with law. The prospectus license may be granted unless Reclamation receives written evidence and argument which establish that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

DATES: Written evidence and arguments against granting the prospective license must be received by March 18, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Inquiries, comments, and other materials relating to the contemplated license may be submitted to Donald E. Ralston, Bureau of Reclamation, Research and Technology Transfer, MS-7621, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240.

A copy of the above-identified patent may be purchased from the NTIS Sales Desk by telephoning 1-800-553-NTIS or by writing NTIS at 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald E. Ralston by telephone at (202) 208-5671.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The invention relates to removal techniques of selenium from water. The patent, a method of selectivity removing selenium ions from an aqueous solution containing selenium ions, comprises contacting the solution with an amount of ferrous ion effective to reduce the selenium ions to elemental selenium. The contacting is preferably conducted at a pH of about 9 and the ferrous ions are preferably provided in situ in the form of ferrous hydroxide. The method may further comprise removing ferric oxides to which the ferrous ions are oxidized, these ferric oxides containing the elemental selenium produced by the reduction of the selenium ions, and separating the ferric oxides from the elemental selenium by adding a strong acid thereto.

Properly filed competing applications received by Reclamation in response to this notice will be considered as objections to the grant of the contemplated license.

Dated: December 1, 1997.

Stanley L. Ponce,

Director, Research and Technology Transfer.

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City, Utah. The patent rights in this invention has been assigned to the United States of America.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The invention relates to removal techniques of selenium from water. The patent addresses a chemical process for selectively removing organoselenium compounds and selenate from water supplies. The process utilizes a combination of transition metal selected from the group consisting of nickel and copper and an electropositive metal selected from the group consisting of magnesium and aluminum to effectively remove selenium whether present in water as organic or inorganic compounds or in ionic or non-ionic form.

Properly filed competing applications received by Reclamation in response to this notice will be considered as objections to the grant of the contemplated license.

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